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WP(77)1(REVISED), JAN 13, 1977 (NOTAL), (C) PO/72/7  
381(REVISED), NOV 6, 1972 (NOTAL)

1. THE EXECUTIVE WORKING GROUP (EWG) MET ON MARCH 21,  
1977 TO CONSIDER ISSUES RELATED TO FLEXIBILITY STUDIES.

2. DEPUTY SYG PANSA TABLED A PAPER DEALING WITH THE  
TURKISH/GREEK ASPECTS OF THE FLEXIBILITY STUDIES (TEXT  
FOLLOWS BELOW). THE LANGUAGE WAS A RESULT OF MEETINGS  
BETWEEN THE TURKISH REP, PANSA AND ASYG MUMFORD. DRAWING  
ON GUIDANCE CONTAINED REF A WE AGREED, ALONG WITH OTHER  
NATIONS, TO THE SUGGESTED TEXT. BEGIN TEXT:  
SUGGESTED TEXT ON GREEK ASPECTS OF THE FLEXIBILITY  
STUDIES

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THE EXECUTIVE WORKING GROUP AGREED THE ALLOCATION  
OF RESPONSIBILITY BETWEEN THE VARIOUS NATO BODIES FOR  
ACTION ON THE INDIVIDUAL MEASURES IN THE REPORTS FOR:

(A) NORTHERN, SOUTHERN AND MARITIME AREAS;  
(B) IN THE CASE OF THE GREEK ASPECTS OF THE  
REGION-WIDE MEASURES RELATED TO THE SOUTHERN  
REGION, IMPLEMENTATION SHOULD BE THE SUBJECT  
OF DECISIONS BY THE APPROPRIATE HIGHER  
AUTHORITY IN THE LIGHT OF THE OUTCOME OF  
NEGOTIATIONS ON THE RELATIONSHIP OF GREECE

WITH NATO'S INTEGRATED MILITARY STRUCTURE.  
END TEXT.

3. TURNING TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING SPAIN  
(M 61-63), PANSAs ASKED FOR COMMENTS FROM NORWAY AND  
DENMARK - THE TWO NATIONS WHICH HAD VOICED RESERVATIONS  
CONCERNING THEIR CONSIDERATION. THE NORWEGIAN REP STATED  
THAT HIS AUTHORITIES WERE NOW PREPARED TO ALLOW THE  
RECOMMENDATIONS TO STAND IN THE REPORT PROVIDED THE FOL-  
LOWING TEXT WAS APPLIED TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS. BEGIN QUOTE:  
NO FOLLOW-ON ACTIONS WOULD BE TAKEN, AT PRESENT, ON SPAIN  
BY THE EWG, THE DRC OR SIMILAR SUBORDINATE BODIES. END QUOTE.  
DENMARK SUPPORTED NORWAY AND THE EWG AGREED THE TEXT.

4. ON THE MARITIME STUDY MEASURES AS THEY PERTAIN TO OUT-  
OF-AREA OPERATIONS (SERIES M 12-15), SACLANT REP STATED  
THAT THE RECOMMENDATIONS WERE ISSUES WHICH FACED THE  
ALLIANCE, COULD IMPACT ON THE ALLIANCE AND REQUIRED  
THE ALLIANCE'S AWARENESS THROUGH DISCUSSION. HE STRESSED  
THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT NOT TO CONCEDE TO THE SOVIETS BY  
DEFAULT OR INATTENTION. THE NORWEGIAN REP, SUPPORTED BY  
THE DANISH REP, ADVISED THAT HIS AUTHORITIES WERE NOW  
PREPARED TO ACCEPT PO/77/2 IN PRINCIPLE PROVIDED THE SAME  
LANGUAGE AS USED IN THE CASE OF THE SPANISH MEASURES WAS  
APPLIED (PARA 3 ABOVE). THE EWG AGREED. THE US REP  
(SEIGLE), IN AGREEING, STRESSED THAT AGREEMENT WAS FOR  
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PROCEDURAL REASONS AND NOT BECAUSE THE US DID NOT  
CONSIDER SACLANT'S RECOMMENDATIONS VALID. CITING PO/72/381  
(REVISED) DATED NOV 6, 1972, HE NOTED THAT THE DPC WAS  
CHARGED WITH OVERSEEING PLANNING AND EXERCISES AS THEY  
RELATE TO OUT-OF-AREA OPERATIONS AND THEREFORE THE EWG,  
PROCEDURALLY, WAS NOT THE APPROPRIATE BODY TO DECIDE ON  
THE MEASURES.

5. PANSAs, STRESSING THE SHORT TIME REMAINING BEFORE  
THE SPRING MINISTERIALS, STATED THAT HE WOULD SOON SET OUT  
AN AGENDA OF WORK SO THAT APPROPRIATE STUDIES COULD  
BE COMPLETED. HE WILL STRIVE FOR DRAFT INPUTS BY APRIL 13  
AND EWG CONSIDERATION OF THE DRAFTS BY APRIL 28 1977.  
WITH REGARD TO THOSE MEASURES WHICH THE EWG IS CHARGED  
TO EXAMINE (N-2; N-12 AND M-9) HE ASKED DELEGATIONS TO BE  
PREPARED TO DISCUSS THIS ITEM IN ONE WEEK'S TIME. ACTION  
REQUESTED: WASHINGTON GUIDANCE WITH RESPECT TO  
MEASURES N-2, N-12 AND M-9 BY OOB MARCH 28, 1977.  
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